

CITY ITEMS.

The opening of the Spring Fashion was observed in due form yesterday, and in spite of the terribly muddy condition of the streets, many thousands of ladies strenged the Broadway and other leading shops to see what miracles of art had been prepared for their inspection.

REPUBLICANS OF THE TWELFTH WARD.—A preliminary meeting of Republicans of the Twelfth Ward was held at Harlem last Saturday evening, and a committee appointed to organize an association in the ward for the present year. The address and resolutions of the Pittsburgh Convention were adopted as the basis of the organization. The Committee is composed of Lewis Bullard, Nathaniel Dunn, Joseph Sawyer, and E. Kitchner. An adjourned meeting in

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THE TRADE SALES.—BAWKS & BROS.—The Spring Trade Sales of books conducted by Messrs. Bawks & Bros., commenced on Wednesday last at their establishment in Park row. On that day about 200 persons were present, and the bidding was active and the prices realized satisfactory. The whole of the day was occupied in selling the invoices of the Harper, and the prices were very large. Ex-Mayor Harper was present during the sales. Yesterday the sales were from the invoices of the Philadelphia houses, Cowell, Northwale and Parry & McMillen. The prices realized were good, though the attendance was not so large as on the previous day. The sales promise to be large.

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—The first trade sale under the auspices of the New York Publishers' Association was held yesterday at the sale-rooms of Messrs. Leavitt, Delisser & Co., at Broadway near White street. The attendance of buyers was large and the sales were active. The day was occupied with the invoices of Messrs. Appleton, Gould & Brother, Mr. Crown of Boston, Burnham Brothers, Shepherd Clark & Co., Barton & Sadler, de Nemegay & Bro., Catholic book sellers. The invoice of the Appletons occupies fifteen pages. The auctioneers were Messrs. Philbrick Pratt, and Mr. Foster of Chicago. Previous to the sale a collation was spread in one of the rooms, which was partaken of by the members of the trade present. Speeches were made by Mr. William Appleton, Mr. Delisser, Mr. Mason and others.

...elves committed to Blackwell's Island as vagrants, and that the number constantly on the Island was not

It will be remembered that in the year 1851 a law was passed granting a pension of \$12 a month to each soldier for two years, but before that time elapsed an amendment was made appropriating \$10,000, to be distributed *pro rata* to each soldier on surrender of his certificate, in lieu of the monthly payment above mentioned. A number complied and received the amount, which slightly exceeded \$30; but others refused to deliver up their certificates, as under the provision of the original Act nearly thirteen months pay, amounting altogether to about \$156, was still due. Those who refused contend that the State is liable to pay for the balance of the two years pay. In 1851 the number who presented certificates and received the money was 317, since which time it is known that 111 have died, and it is estimated that the survivors do not exceed 200. It was stated among other matters at

clock yesterday afternoon. Several clergymen of the Dutch Reformed persuasion of the city assisted in

performed at the funeral service; the address of the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Matthews. A very large number of the friends of the deceased were in attendance to follow to its last resting place the body of one who, for a greater number of years than almost any other of the medical profession in this city, had been their true friend and faithful physician.

THE NEW EMIGRANT PASSENGER LAW.—The act of the last Congress regulating the conveyance of emigrant passengers from Europe to this country, among other beneficial provisions, requires that for every steerage passenger over eight years of age who may die on the trans Atlantic voyage, the owner or captain of the vessel on which the death may take place shall forfeit and pay over to the Revenue Department \$10, to be paid over by that Department to these States that have boards of Commissioners of

and the whole sum will be paid over to the Commis-

The law has greatly reduced the mortality on shipboard, and made shipmasters more careful of the health and comfort of passengers under their charge.

SCHOOL No. 21, in Marion street, near Prince, was examined on Wednesday. The building is considerably too large for the school at present. In hard times this school suffers very much in attendance. Many of the children are set to selling matches or newspapers, or sent on lumber expeditions. Some 20 or 30 of the boys take all papers before coming to school. But in spite of all this, holy week and the snow storm, the attendance was very creditable to the teachers—Misses Fanning, Willsoughby, Catharine M. Connor, Josephine Seaberg, Emily T. Rice, Susan McConnellogue, Mary Fanning and Helena Connelley. The Girls' Department conducted a fair examination. Several pieces of en-

regular. The examination was best in arithmetic and algebra. The teachers here are John Boyle, Hugh

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—School No. 5 was examined yesterday. This school building has about the worst location in the city, and it must have extraordinary attractions to induce the young ladies who compose the female department to attend it. The Primary department numbers about 200 pupils, and is in very good condition, especially the lower classes. Its teachers are Misses Mary T. Shephard, Margaret A. Mather, Margaret A. Smith and Adella M. Perkins. The Girls' department is very nearly as good as any in the city. The progress in the studies examined was so symmetrical that it would be difficult to distinguish any one as better than another. Embroidery and drawings were exhibited, and the singing was good although they have no piano. The teachers in this department are Misses Charlotte Dwyer, Mary J. Dwyer, Amanda S. Marston and